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Exhibit A

--88. (Amended) A method of monitoring a subject being treated with thyroxine and ensuring that the subject receives the proper dosage of thyroxine which comprises:

- (a) determining whether the subject is receiving the proper dosage of thyroxine the method of [any one of] claim[s] 67[, 74 and 81];
- (b) adjusting the dosage if it is determined that the subject is not receiving the proper dosage;
- (c) repeating steps (a) through (b) throughout the course of the treatment;

thereby monitoring the subject being treated with thyroxine and ensuring that the subject receives the proper dosage of thyroxine.--